

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Cyprus

a. The Cypriot Government seems to have launched a campaign to establish Greek control throughout Cyprus; yesterday heavy fighting occurred in various localities throughout the island.

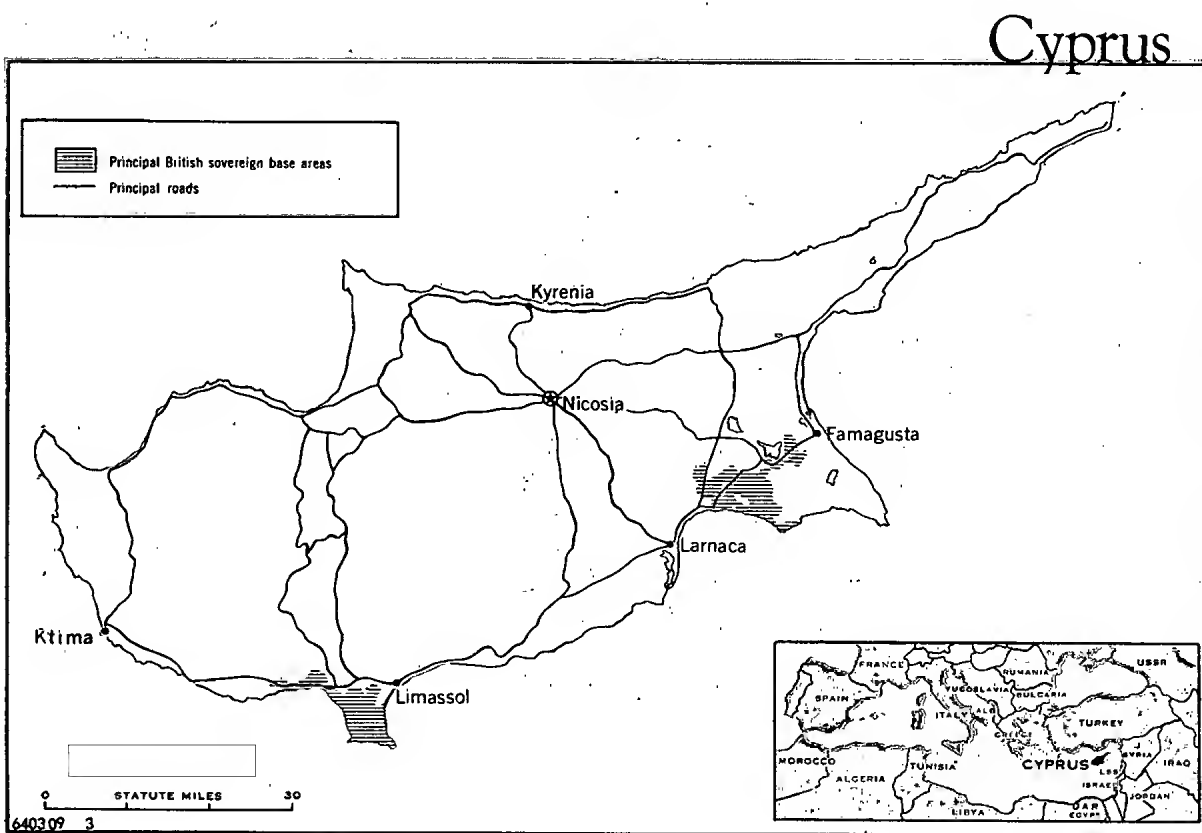
b. Turkish Cypriot resistance in the city of Ktima seems to have all but collapsed. Ktima is the city with the largest Turkish minority on Cyprus.

c. The fall of the mountain village of Kazaphani, under Turkish Cypriot control since last December, also marks a significant advance for the Greek Cypriots. It commands the mountain pass between the port of Kyrenia and Nicosia.

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f. In Ankara, pressures may be again mounting for intervention. The minister of information yesterday termed the Cyprus situation extremely serious and said Turkey might be obliged to intervene.

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h. Meanwhile, UN Secretary General Thant has yet to have much luck in getting his peace force off the ground.

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2. USSR-Germany

a. Western military officials have suspended today's deadline for the repainting of Soviet military liaison mission vehicles in West Germany. This action followed talks with Soviet military officials last Friday.

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b. In the talks, the chief Soviet representative attempted to disassociate the repainting from the Soviet demand for the removal of curtains from the military vehicles used by the Western military liaison missions in East Germany. He said he would report the matter to his headquarters.

c. The Soviets have not imposed any deadline for the removal of the curtains.

3. USSR-Sweden

a. Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko is due in Sweden March 17 for a five-day visit which has taken the Swedes by surprise.

b. Gromyko is probably being used as advance man for Khrushchev's trip in mid-June. In particular he may try to talk the Swedes into downplaying any public airing of the Wennerstrom case prior to the Soviet premier's visit. The bill of indictment is expected by late April.

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4. Cuba

a. Cuba continues to construct a legal case against the Guantanamo Base agreement.

b. A Havana broadcast on Sunday claimed that the agreement acknowledges ultimate Cuban sovereignty over the base area, and as a consequence, Cuba has the right to "regulate" the contract in accordance with its national laws.

c. During the flare up last month, Castro claimed that Cuba planned to recover the base not by force, but by referring the issue to an "appropriate international organ" at a time of its own choosing.

d. The recent broadcast singled out the International Court of Justice as the organ that Havana presently has in mind.

5. Tanganyika

a. As a result of Nyerere's talks with Sandys, British security forces will leave Tanganyika by the end of March and be replaced initially by a Nigerian battalion.

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c. Dar-es-Salaam will not accept any foreign training missions for its army.

d. These decisions mark a further step away from East African integration and federation and may well prolong instability in Tanganyika.

6. OAS

a. Brazil and Mexico are continuing their efforts to prevent strong OAS action against Cuba for stocking arms in Venezuela.

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d. The Mexicans want to refer the Cuban affair to the United Nations. There they would hope to solve the problem by getting a commitment from Cuba to refrain from interfering in the internal affairs of other nations in return for "reciprocal guarantees."

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C. Nigeria The tension over the census situation is slackening. Regional politicians are beginning to have second thoughts about completely repudiating the census results and threatening secession.

D. Gabon President Mba's political position is still weak despite Paris' efforts to prop him up. Student demonstrations occurred in at least two towns over the week end. Mba has closed all secondary schools in the capital for two weeks, but this may only give the students more time to demonstrate against him.

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E. Zanzibar

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- F. Iran The fact that new Prime Minister Mansur is widely regarded in Iran as "the American choice" may be an embarrassment to him. To offset this political liability, Embassy Tehran believes Mansur may make some minor gestures to stress Iran's "independence."
- G. Cassius Clay Embassy Cairo is concerned at the potential for damaging publicity both to the US and to Egypt created by the invitation given Clay by the Supreme Islamic Council to visit Cairo next month as a "Muslim."

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Communist China

a. For some time now we have been puzzling over an extensive area of high priority construction in a remote section of north central China near Lake Nor.

b. When first observed in photography in September 1961, the construction was in an early stage and nothing much could be said about it.

c. Detailed analysis of photography taken last fall, though revealing rapid progress in construction, still does not permit us to make a definitive statement about the purpose of the installation.

d. However, the very high priority allotted to the project by the Chinese suggests either a missile or atomic energy association.

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